Further, Ministry of Food Processing Industries has requested the State Government to prepare an Action Plan for promotion of food processing industries in respect of items on which the State has comparative advantage on account of production and other facilities.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries under its Plan Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Industries, extends financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant & Machinery and Technical Civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas to implementing agencies/entrepreneurs for setting up/modernization/technology upgradation of food processing industries which includes processing of horticultural produces like spices and fruits and vegetables.

Cold storage facilities

627. SHRI T. T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate cold storage facilities have been created in every district of the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether private operators running cold storage facilities, are charging huge fees; and

(d) if so, the action taken to regulate such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODHKANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) As per data maintained by Ministry of Agriculture, total number of cold storage in the country is 5101 with capacity of 216.94 lakh MT (as on 31.12.2006). A Statement indicating Sector-wise, State-wise details of cold storage is given *(See* below). Out of 5101 cold storages, 4609 representing 90.29% of that total are owned by the private sector.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) had been providing financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid upto 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas with a common ceiling of Rs. 75 lakhs under the Cold Chain component of 10th Plan Scheme. The assistance under the scheme was limited to cold storages for non-horticulture produces, special type of cold storage with controlled/modified atmosphere technology, cold storages as integral part of processing units or as a common facilitiy in food parks. The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI) under Ministry of Agriculture acts as a nodal agency to promote cold storages in the country by co-ordinating Research & Development in cold storage.

Statement

Sector-wise Distribution of Cold Storages as on 31/12/2006

SI. No.	State/UT	Private Sector		Cooperative Sector		Public Sector		Total No.	Total capacity In MTs
		No.	Capacity	No.	Capacity	No	Capacity		
1.	Andaman &Nicobar Islands (UT)	01	170	00	00	01	40	02	210
2.	Andhra Pradesh	255	805759	11	11598	10	3451	276	820808
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	5000	00	00	00	00	01	5000
4.	Assam	18	68796	01	1000	04	1120	23	70916
5.	Bihar	220	833382	18	77200	00	00	238	910582
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	05	11216	01	1000	00	00	06	12216
7.	Chhattisgarh	53	265952	01	29	01	41	55	266022
8.	Delhi	75	103210	02	5201	16	17680	93	126091
9.	Gujarat	346	941936	20	24093	08	7739	374	973768
10.	Goa	28	7105	00	00	00	00	28	7105
11.	Haryana	233	377319	04	3403	06	11399	343	393121
12.	Himachal Pradesh	08	11413	02	767	07	6195	17	18375
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	15	40689	03	2134	01	46	19	42869
14.	Jharkhand	17	53210	08	27415	00	00	25	80625
15.	Kerala	161	44628	06	1080	10	1590	177	47298
16.	Karnataka	103	236885	18	6689	17	9594	138	253168
17.	Lakshadweep (UT)	00	00	00	00	01	15	01	15
18.	Maharashtra	554	476667	51	20463	32	13724	437	510854
19.	Madhya Pradesh	154	659020	20	101348	05	2434	179	762802

20. Manipur	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
21. Meghalaya	01	1200	00	00	02	2000	03	3200
22. Mizoram	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
23. Nagaland	01	5000	01	1150	00	00	02	6150
24. Orissa	75	191420	15	23000	00	00	90	216420
25. Pondicherry (UT)	02	35	01	50	00	00	03	85
26. Punjab	402	1298425	18	39092	00	00	420	1337517
27. Rajasthan	96	308284	09	3832	01	14	106	312130
28. Sikkim	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
29. Tamil Nadu	119	214505	13	7562	04	5162	136	227229
30. Tripura	02	7750	01	5000	05	5700	08	18450
31. U.P.& Uttaranchal	1477	8642438	87	281480	03	' 8000	1567	8931918
32. West Bengal	387	5037042	47	303000	00	00	434	5340042*
TOTAL:	4609	20648456	358	949586	134	9S944	5101	21693986

Source: Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, Ministry of Agriculture Website.